

February 17, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, McGannon, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, Muilenburg and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Police Chief Stacy Mayou, and representatives of the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Fliehs to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,695.99	ss & wh
Perry Huber	510.00	HWH sales incentive
April Abeln	24.18	med flex
Aberdeen Masonry	1,836.00	Fam Cr repair
AFLAC	955.66	emp ins
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Car Quest	198.24	batt, tow, oil, filters
Dakota Press	827.51	publishing
Dearborne Natl Ins	90.50	life ins
Farmers Union	670.17	dsl
Galls	161.89	gloves, organizer
Groton Ford	332.76	batteries
Groton Vet Clinic	19.80	gloves
Guardian Ins	218.76	emp ins
Scott Hanlon	304.75	mileage, meals, motel
Heartland Cons Power Dist	80,167.15	power
Kens Food Fair	591.47	gas
Loris	10.73	batteries
Anita Lowary	21.00	meals, copies
MJs Sinclair	2,091.62	gas
NWPS	4,585.01	power delivery
RDO	664.92	cut edges, filters, oil
SD Municipal Electric Assoc	65.00	registration
SD State Treasurer	8,850.07	sales tax
SD Supplement Retirement	1,220.00	emp retirement
Share Corp	104.56	wax
Taser	1,095.32	taser,batt,holster
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	13,833.72	health ins
Wesco	87.60	bulbs
Western Area Power Adm	32,737.79	power

Chief Mayou reported on the police car repairs which were under warranty, but still were not done. He also gave arrest and call reports. Chief Mayou left the meeting at this point.

Finance Officer Lowary reported on 2014 government fund finances and presented the rubble site report. Council decided to have no change in fees for 2015 at the rubble site.

At 7:15pm the public hearing on the W 5th Ave curb & gutter special assessment was held. Tony and Brenda Madsen attended. The project was discussed and with no opposition, the following resolution was adopted on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
CURB & GUTTER INSTALLATION
2-17-15

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER ADJOINING CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF GROTON.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body, in and for the City of Groton, South Dakota:

Section 1. It is necessary to place curb and gutter improvements for approximately two (2) blocks located a) on the south side of West Fifth Avenue between North Washington St and the east boundary of the Groton baseball complex (vacated North Garfield Street) in the proper manner by plans and specifications by the Public Works Supervisor and City Engineer, in and for the City of Groton, South Dakota, on city streets adjoining the property described herein:

WB Hayes Addition

Block 29

Lot 1 – Richard J Finwall	142 ft
Lot 24 – Ken Harms	142 ft

Block 30

Lot 1 – Tony Madsen	142 ft
Lot 24 – JPR Enterprises, LLC	161 ft

Section 2. The cost and the expense of installation or the replacement shall be levied by special assessment upon the above described property in proportion to the number of feet as provided by statute. Material used for the project shall be concrete and other materials related to the project. Any approach or driveway pavement will also be charged to the property owner. All engineering costs for the preparation and installation of this curb and gutter.

Such special assessment shall be payable in ten (10) equal annual installments in accordance with the accepted bid and cost incurred, and the said assessment and installments shall be payable under Plan 1, "Collection by the County Treasurer" as provided by SDCL 9-43.

Section 3. The estimated linear foot cost of said curb and gutter is \$37.00.

Mayor Hanlon read the letter of resignation from Ward Gilchrist, electric superintendent, to be effective May 29, 2015. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to accept this resignation. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to authorize Shawn Lambertz to attend the electric superintendent's conference in Watertown on Mar 3 & 4. All members present voted aye.

Definitions of sick leave from the personnel manual were reviewed.

The Council inspected the Community Center and discussed repairs and old furniture that will be disposed.

Downtown revitalization was discussed.

The district SD Municipal League meeting was announced to be in Ipswich on Mar 18. All were encouraged to attend.

The SD Highway 37 project locations of sidewalks and approaches were discussed. Although W 9th Ave was vacated in 1895, a section of the avenue was replatted in 1997. Attorney Johnson was asked to write a letter requesting the approach for the City electric substation be retained as well the W 9th Ave approach to the Krueger lots.

The Council was reminded of the February 27, 5pm, deadline for election petitions.

The City Council meetings will continue to be held in the Groton Community Center.

At 8pm the Council adjourned into executive session for legal and personnel issues on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer